

TRACING THE NAME OF LONGINO IN HISTORY



Saint Longinus, Martyr First Century
St. Peter's Basilica, Rome

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North Carolina (surrey, or Surry County , near Dobson).

Another version of the escape of John Thomas Longino from Italy is less spectacular but carries common points of information. This is also word-of-mouth account, and comes from "Aunt Luddy" Carlton, one of his daughters Laodicea.

She said her father told her he left Italy as quite a youth and he left without knowledge or consent of his father. He concealed himself in the vessel before it sailed and managed to get to America. He never heard further from his family. John Thomas Longino told his daughter that his father was a wealthy man or a man of some high office, he supposed, for before he left home he found some of his father's clothes and cut the gold buttons off them, which was all his wealth when he took shelter in the ship.

Further light on the story comes from the results of research in Europe and Virginia, and involves Protestant leader named John Thomas. His family was well entrenched in Virginia, and a great preacher by that name was busy spreading the Gospel where he was allowed to do so (and secretly where dis-allowed) in Europe. This was during the times of the Holy Inquisition when his Christian maneuvers received much opposition. Secret religious meetings of this nature went on at the Longino estate in Italy because the family were ardent followers of the new trend in religion.

It was for this reason the Longinos incurred the enmity of the Church, and had their property seized and their lives taken. All, except a boy of 12, were killed. This son was John Thomas Longino (Giovanni Tomas), who may well have been named for the daring preacher.

As with other word-of-mouth accounts handed down, the lad took the gold buttons from his father's coat, each of which bore a replica of the family coat-of-arms (Lion statant) and provided for his keep by selling them one by one.

This account states he was able to arrange transportation to Switzerland where a branch of the family had settled (their adapted name - Longines) and then get passage to America later, working his way over, and landing at Portsmouth Virginia. He also knew the whereabouts of the John Thomas family and set out to find them. He found that the Thomas family had moved and settled near Dobson N.C., so he again took up his solitary journey.

Immediately upon his arrival he found he had been exposed to Small Pox and he was isolated in a lonely shed. During the period of his recuperation his meals were brought by a beautiful curly-headed girl whose name was Elizabeth. It is assumed that she was of the Thomas family although no records exist of her last name. She taught him to speak English and when they were old enough they married. The records show only that his wife's name was Elizabeth and that she bore him ten children, dying at the birth of the youngest child, James.

John Thomas Longino reared his large family at Dobson; was a highly respected citizen; served as Sheriff, and supported the American Revolution (see proof under 'documents')

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At his death in his adopted country, he still clung to the last two gold buttons cut from his father's coat that awful night in Italy. On his deathbed he is supposed to have given a gold ring which had been given to him by his father upon reaching manhood, to one of his sons. This ring also bore the family insignia. This son came to the Mississippi Territory with other members of the family, but migrated further west during the gold rush in the 1800s so in some unknown location today some Longino descendant must treasure this memento. The insignia on ring and buttons was a replica of the Arms on the tomb of Cesare Longino of Citta de Castelle. (see page 23 of this history) buried in 1634, whose wife was Margherita Testi. (central figure is lion statant)

It is easy to understand why John Thomas Longino did not give many details of his father or his family, nor the city or area where he came from, if they were murdered. If such was the case, and there is strong reason to believe it was, he would wish to forget about his traumatic experience in the past and to build a new life in his adopted country with his family.

This compiler would like to ask the members of the family to send along any further information they might have, so as to complete a most interesting and unique history.

PAPERS OF JOHN THOMAS LONGINO

HIS WILL - 1794

"In the name of God, Amen! I, John Thomas Longino of the County of Surrey, state of North Carolina (Yeoman) being in perfect health and sound mind and memory, knowing the mortality of my body, and it was appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

"Principally, and first of all, I recommend my soul into the hands of God who made it, in sure and certain hopes that it will be restored to me at the general resurrection, and my body to the grave to be interred with a decent Christian burial by the side of my former wife Elizabeth, and as touching worldly goods as God in my life was pleased to bless me with, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and for viz.:

"Imprimis; I will and bequeath unto Sara my present beloved wife, the fifty acres of land whereupon my frame house is built (if she choose to live upon it) for and during her natural lifetime.

"I will also give unto her forever the best bed and furniture in the house, a horse creature, saddle and bridle, two cows and calves, four sheep, two breeding cows, and as much meat, grain, and provender for her and her stock, sufficient to keep them one year after the day of my decease, and twenty pounds in cash.

"Item: I will and bequeath to my sons Hugh and James, all the land belonging to me on the Raccoon and Ready Branch, to be divided between them by a line from north to south, in the proportion of three to Hugh and one to James.

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(Will of J.T.L. cont)

"Item: I will and bequeath to Martha Cassiday (slave) five pounds in money, And I further will and require that the rest of my estate both real and personal shall be exposed to sale, at twelve months credit, as soon as may be, after proving (probat'ing) this will, and the money arising from the sale to be applied thus:

"First , pay my lawful debts and funeral and other charges incident thereto, then pay above legacies, and the resid to be divided with every one of my children, to wit:

Bartholomew Longino
John Longino Jr
Thomas Longino
Hugh Longino
James Longino
Angelica Hunter

Mary Vestal
Laodicea (twin)
Elizabeth "
Amelia

Which shall be the special duty of John and Thomas Longino to do, whom I appoint and constitute my lawful executors of this, my last will and testament, to whom I also adjoin to advert to the accounts which may be found in my log book, against any of my children, and consider the accounts as so much of my estate. Add it all together then divide to each his share, allowing the amount of each account as already received.

"And I do disannul disavow and revoke all former wills, legacies and bequeaths (bequests) made, confirming and ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament ."

"Sealed with my seal and dated the 15th day of September 1794 a.d.

John Thomas Longino (seal)

Witnesses : John Summers and Moses Adams

Probated on the oath and examination of Moses Adams,
November session 1796.

Recorded in the book of wills, No. 3 Page 24 office of
Clark of Superior court, Surrey county North Carolina,
town of Dobson

It is thought likely that Bartholomew the eldest son was away and thus not named as an executor of his father's will. His brother Thomas and 3 of Thomas' children made their way there and settled in Mississippi.

The daughter Laodicea (Ladociea in some records) told a nephew that her father was killed while working a wild horse. This was in 1796 so would be soon after the will was recorded.

Both Hugh and James thought that by some means they were kept from the enjoyment of any part of the property and had to make their way the best they could on their own.

DIRECT LINE OF DESCENT

First Longino in America - John Thomas Longino of Italy

JOHN THOMAS LONGINO (Giovanni Tomaso Longino)

Born (ca) 1737 in Italy, city unknown)
Came to America (ca) 1751

Married (ca) 1754 to Elizabeth _____ (Thought to be Thomas)
Mother of his ~~ten~~ children

Died Surry (Surrey) Co. 1796

Father's name not known, nor Mother's maiden name.

2/m to Sara Bohanon (Bohanen) date not known. No children

CHILDREN OF JOHN THOMAS AND ELIZABETH LONGINO

1. Bartholomew No dates on birth, marriage, or time of moving Westward. Wife may have been a Calvin. Son, Lawrence Calvin was living in Rankin Co. Miss in 1850. His birthdate was 1802
2. John Married Nancy Phillips 12/23/1788; bought 100 acres on Dan River 10/13/1783 (name spelled Logging on deed) (No other info)
3. Thomas Soldier in American Revolution under Major Winston. Married Mary Ransome Thomas born 1755 m. 9/1/1778 to Mary Ransome died 1810 Lawrence County Miss near Silver Creek, buried at Silver Creek. Rest of history under Miss. Branch. B 1768
4. Hugh Born 1783 N.C.
5. James Born 1785 N.N. died 8/3/38 Campbell Co. Ga. Married Ruth Holcomb in 1808 died 7/10/1845
6. Angelica Married Benjamin Hunter No dates as yet
7. Mary Married Mr. Vestal
8. Laodicea Never married. "Aunt Luddy"
9. Elizabeth Twins. Elizabeth married Mr. Carlton
10. Amelia Amelia no information.

Most of the word-of-mouth traditions and history passed down in the family came from 'Aunt Luddy' Laodicea. However even Aunt Luddy could not remember her father telling her where he came from or who his parents were. It is suggested in the history preceding, that the location might have been near Ravenna.

The lines of descent have been arranged beginning with Bartholomew's (the eldest son), then Thomas (No information on 2nd son John) then Hugh, and James, the youngest son.

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LINE OF DESCENT

BARTHOLOMEW Eldest son of John Thomas Longino of Italy.

b. 1753 Surry (Surrey) County N.C.
m.

Military service -
(Received 5 pounds 18 shillings Sept. 4. 1782 in Salisbury
District, N.C.)

Father - John Thomas Longino of Italy
Mother - Elizabeth
2/m - Sara Bohannon (No children)

<u>CHILDREN</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>DIED</u>	<u>MARRIED</u>
Lawrence Calvin	1802		m. Polly McClendon

(In 1850, Lawrence Calvin Longino was living in Rankin, Miss.)

Children of Lawrence and Polly Longino

Adeline

Ira

Burrell

Mary Jane

* Robert Lawrence (details, separate page)

Lewis	b. 1/8/47	d. 11/21/32	m. Julia McCoy Hill 8/4/69
	Rankin Co. Miss.	Lufkin, Tx	b. 1/5/1851 Carthage Tx
			d. 5/17/1934 Lufkin Tx

Contrary to some word-of-mouth information about Bartholomew, he probably did not go direct to Mississippi or even westward before the others.

He was definitely in Georgia in 1785 as a transfer of land is recorded in Richmond County.

Received Headright in Burke County in 1790

Included in Tattnall Tax lists 1805-1810

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ROBERT LAWRENCE LONGINO (Line of Bartholomew, eldest son
John Thomas of Italy)

b. m d. May be buried in Trinity Co.,
Texas with wife.

Church affiliation -
Military service -

Father - Lawrence Calvin (son of Bartholomew)

Mother - Polly (Mary) McClendon

b. d. date of marriage _____

CHILDRED	BORN	DIED	MARRIED
Mary Ella			1/m Henry Young Magee 1 dau. Lulu Mae 1870-1955 2/m. A. S. Magee 1 dau, who became Mrs. Max Artusy of Galveston Tx
Calvin	1872	in infancy	
Margaret	1873	1961	never married
Burrell Andrew	1875-1936	1936	m. Ann. Newton 1921 Lufkin Tx 1 dau. Beryl Ann Longino b. 2/4/22 who married Lloyd Bentsen of Houston. 2 sons Lloyd and Lon, also ad dau.
Rose	1878	1959	m. 8/4/01 James Reavis Edmonds. Their son J. Raymond Edmonds b. 7/11/02 at Carmona Tx. He married Elizabeth Edmonds (?) of Norfolk, Va 9/12/1913. Lived in Houston Tx - 2 sons Raymond and Forrest Marjorie Edmonds, 2nd child b. 9/5/04 Groveton Tx m. John Alexander Hart M.D. 11/16/29. 3 children 1. Carolyn Hart b. 1930 Beaumont Tx, m. Thomas Eugene Draper of Houston. 4 sons: Thomas Eugene Jr., Charles Neely, John Hart, Peter Edmonds. 2. John Alexander Hart Jr M.D. m. Cynthia Sawyer, lives in New Orleans. cont

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ROBERT LAWRENCE LONGINO (page 2)

Children

Rose (cont)

5 children of John Alexander
Hart Jr of New Orleans:

John Marshall, Susan Elizabeth
Stephen Forrest, Jeffrey
Franklin, Christopher
Raymond Pate Hart M.D. b.1933
unmarried lives in Corpus
Christi Tx

3rd child of Rose and Reavis
Emonds - Mabel b. 1906 at
Nona Tx m. 1932 to F.W.
Mcmana of Salinas Kansas, now
Jasper Tx. No children

Lilla b.1/16/1880

m. Edwin P. Woodman 12/6/03
at Galveston Tx. 2 sons
Edwin R. Woodman (1905)
m. Norma Rasberry - lived in
Baton Rouge La. 1. dau Norma
Lilla, 1 son - Longino A.
Woodman (1909) m. Farris
Armstrong 1911. 3 children:
David Longino Woodman
Robert Edwin Woodman
Nancy Rebecca Woodman.
All Married.

Eva b.9/19/1885

Married J. Felix Davis 6/14/03
in Groveton Tx. 1 dau. Marie
Longino Davis 1/26/05

Marie married August Miller
1927 lives Livingston Tx. 1
son - Jerome Miller, and
1 dau. - Julia, now Mrs. P.E.
Lindsey of Jasper Tx 3 sons:
Edward, Jeffray, and Lewis
Miller.

James B. Longino 1891

d.1963. Never married

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Line of Bartholomew - 1st con.

(Descendants of Robert Lawrence Longino
through daughter Rose Longino Edmonds)

5 ROSE LONGINO -EDMONDS cont.

Children of Rose and James R. Edmonds, cont.

- 6 . Marjorie Edmonds b. 9-5-1904 in Groveton Tx
m. John Alexander Hart M.D. b. 11-16-1929

Their children:

- 7 1. Carolyn Hart b. 8-26-1930 Beaumont, Texas
m. Eugene Draper of Houston Tx, reside there.
Four sons, 1 dau.

88 Thomas Eugene Draper Jr b. 7-5-1957
Charles Neely Draper b. 5-24-1958
John Hart Draper b. 8-21-1960
Peter Edmonds Draper b. 7-7-1962
Dau. Amy Hart Draper b. 1-11-1969

- 7 2. John Alexander Hart Jr. M.D. b. 11-29-1931 Beaumont, Tx
m. Cynthia Sawyer
lives in Friendswood Tx

Their Children:

8 John Marshall Hart b. 9-21-1951
Susan Elizabeth Hart b. 4-21-1954
Stephen Forrest Hart b. 11-14-1957
Jeffrey Franklin Hart b. 5-11-1959
Andrew Daniel Hart b. 10-21-
Christopher Daniel " b. 11-51-1961

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- 7 3. Raymond Pate Hart M.D. b. 9-2-1933 Beaumont, Tx

- 6 . Mabel Edmonds b. 1906 at Nona Tx m. 1932 to F.W. McManus of
Salina Kansas, no children
Lives in Jasper Tx

5 Lilla Longino b. 1-16-1880 m. 12-6-1903 to Edwin P.
Woodman at Galveston Tx

Children of Lilla and Edwin Woodman:

- 6 1. Edwin R. Woodman b. 1905 m. - Norma Raspberry, lived
in Baton Rouge, La.

7 Dau. Norma Lilla Woodman

- 6 2. Longino A. Woodman b. 1909 m. Farris Armstrong (b. 1911.)

Children (all married)

7 David Longino Woodman b.
Robert Edwin Woodman b.
Nancy Rebecca Woodman b.

5 Eva Longino b. 9-19-1885 m. J. Felix Davis 6-14-1903
in Groveton Tx. cont.

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Descendant of Bartholomew

July 30 1963
1325 Karen Lane
Beaumont, Texas

Addressed to
Elizabeth Longino (Mrs. DeWitt Smith)
Monroe, La.

Dearest Elizabeth

Your letter written July 5th has just gotten into my hands.
.....omission of personal valid reasons for not writing sooner)

I am ashamed that I haven't gotten around to answering your first letter asking about Bartholomew. I know so little, but kept thinking I'd try to find out something definite about him.

My mother was Rose Longino, daughter of Robert Lawrence Longino (1847-1932) who married Julia McCoy Hill. He was the son of Lawrence Calvin Longino (born in Ga. in 1802, but in 1850, according to Rankin Co. census, was listed with his wife Mary 'Polly') McClendon, and children, Mary J., Adeline, Ira, Burrell, Robert and Lewis, and according to my grandparents Lawrence Calvin Longino's father was Bartholomew whose name appears in the Lawrence County (Miss.) census of 1820.

We did not know the names of Bartholomew's children except Lawrence Calvin who brought his family to Texas when my grand-Dad was just a small boy. I am under the impression that he and his wife are buried in Trinity County Texas. I had hoped to go up there before the summer is over and check into it.

My grandparents for many years lived in Groveton Texas. Their home there burned destroying family records and Bible. They later moved to Lufkin and lived there until they died.

My grandmother gave me a great deal of information about her family - the Hills, McCoys, and Baines, and it was through these revolutionary soldier ancestors that we are D.A.R.s.

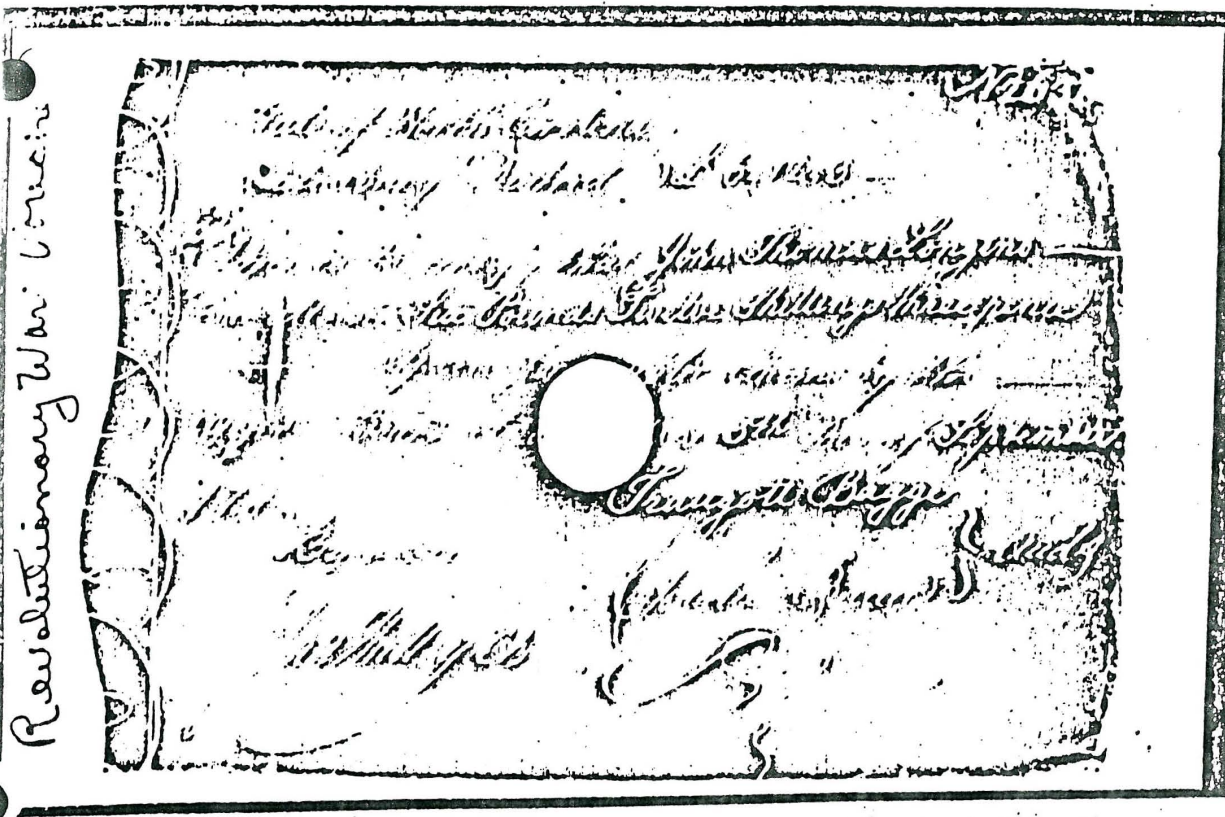
I never knew a single relative of my granddad's. I can't imagine where they married and moved to! Probably some never left Mississippi when Lawrence Calvin Longino came, but were already married and had families. Aunt Lilla says she remembers Lewis, the youngest child living in their home at one time, but I think he died while still very young and not married.

(The rest of the letter refers to the search for JTLongino's will which has since been found and reproduced in the body of the Longino history.)

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Love to you

Marjorie
(Marjorie, Mrs. John Alexander Hart)



This is a Revolutionary War Voucher
for John T. Longino. He contributed
money and food and is accepted by D.A.R.

Above note is from Mrs. Elizabeth Longino Smith (Mrs. Dewitt Smith)
and she advises that her number in the D.A.R. is 446407 and can be
used by all Longinos.

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He went to S. C. and to Ga. before settling in Lawrence
Co. Miss.

CHILDREN:

Thomas
Ezekiel b. in Ga.
Jane b. S. C.
John b. in Ga.
Mary b. in Ga.

Loftin and Allied Families

GENERAL ISAAC LONG

b. in Md.
d.
m.

Service: He was a Surgeon in the Revolution.

A son, Dr. James Long, m. 13 Mar. 1815, Jane Herbert Wilkinson

King Court Records
W. P. A. Records of Adams Co.
Claiborne's History of Miss.

JOHN THOMAS LONGINO

b. probably Surrey Co. N. C. 1755
d. Miss. 1810
m. in N. C. 1 Sept. 1788, Mary Ransom
Res. North Carolina

Service: He served under Major Joseph Winston.

CHILDREN:

Patsy m. Frank Mobley
Elizabeth b. N. C. 1792, d. 16 Dec. 1867
m. Thomas Kirby b. 1792
John Thomas Kirby
Sarah b. N. C. 1793, m. 1815, Jonathan Price b. 1780
d. 1864
Thomas Price (Rev.) b. Ky. 1817, d. Miss. 1897
m. 1842, Maria Dale
Polly m. - - - Pettitt
Rebecca m. - - - Francis

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John Thomas b. 1800, d. 30 Oct. 1854
m. 4 Aug. 1825, Annie Porter Ramsay
 b. Wayne Co. 1810, d. 31 Mar. 1867
John Thomas d. 9 Dec. 1864 C. S. A.
Elizabeth b. 3 May 1826, m. - - - Dale
Sydney Ann b. 11 June 1828, m. - - - Butler
William Shepherd b. 17 May 1830
Augustin C. b. 28 Oct. 1832, d. 1862 C. S. A.
Rebecca J. b. 10 May 1835, m. - - - Butler
Amanda R. b. 12 Mar. 1838, m. - - - Spurlock
Daniel R. b. 15 April 1840
Abizer Thompson b. Stonewall 4 Dec. 1845
 d. Silver Creek, 31 July 1936
 m. Westville, 29 Dec. 1870, Emily Elizabeth Walker
 b. 26 June 1851
Clarinda b. 14 Feb. 1850, d. 1954
 m. 10 Mar. 1868, William Mikell Waller
Andrew Houston (Ex Gov.) b. Oct. 1854, d. 24 Feb. 1942
Research Mrs. DeWitt Smith, West Monroe, La.

WILLIAM LONGMIRE

b. Va. 1760
d. Amite Co. Miss. 1842
m. 1785, Emily Ann Goode b. S. C. 1767, d. Amite Co. 1832
 dau of Thomas & Anne Goode of Edgefield
 Dist. S. C.
Res. South Carolina
Service: He did military duty under Gen. Francis Marion and
 was in the battle of Eutaw Springs.

CHILDREN:

George b. 1786, m. Ann McDowell
Frances m. (1) 1803, Leonard Edwards
 Ferdinand L. C. Edwards
 (2) - - - Huff
 Reuben Huff
Mary m. - - - Moore
 Mary Ann Moore m. - - - Neely
William b. Tenn. 1793, d. in Cal. 1892
 m. Mary Thomas
 Lucinda m. Michael Keith
Robert b. 1795, d. 1851, m. Mary Capell b. 1810, d. 1864
 Will

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Also See:

1. Sebron Sylvester Dale, Ancestors & Descendants Book 1 & 2